



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Marc Richelsoph, et al.

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For: BONE PLATE AND SCREW RETAINING MECHANISM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please amend the above application prior to consideration of the application on its merits, consistent with the instructions found attached hereto: